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INTERLEUKIN-6 RELATED DISEASES  
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**DECLARATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

I declare:

1. A hybridoma cell line producing PM-1 has been deposited as FERM BP-2998, and a hybridoma cell line producing MR16-1 has been deposited as FERM BP-5875, both as international depositions under the terms of the Budapest Treaty with the International Patent Organism Depository, AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki Pref.
2. The deposits having accession numbers FERM BP-2998 and FERM BP-5875, were made on July 12, 1989 and March 13, 1997, respectively.
3. All restrictions on the availability to the public of the culture deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent from the above-identified application.
4. The deposit will be replaced if viable samples cannot be dispensed by the depository.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therefrom.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.



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